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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2000. Entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. No additional search or examination is necessitated by the amendment, nor is any substantial amount of additional work required on the part of the Patent Office of the Examiner. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to the undersigned agent on August 28, 2000, and October 16, 2000.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

35. **(Twice Amended)** An isolated oligonucleotide that specifically hybridizes to a nucleic acid molecule comprising a repeat region of an isolated SCA8 coding sequence [, wherein the oligonucleotide hybridizes to the SCA8 coding sequence of the long arm of chromosome 13]; the oligonucleotide having at least about 11 nucleotides.